

TRIPURA

1. STATE FACTSHEET

Information Commissioner	B K Chakraborty DK Daschan
Total Number of Cases Analysed by Us (as provided to us)	88
Pendency as on January 1, 2008	13
Pendency as on December 31, 2008	13
Time Taken Between Filing of Appeal and First Hearing	1.5 months
Total Funds Spent by the Commission (FY 2008-09)	Rs. 22,67.166

2. STATE OF RECORDS:

In response to our letter requesting copies of all orders, we were informed that the Commission had passed 102 orders, which are on their website. They provided us with hard copies of 32 orders, which they said were not on their site. However, even after downloading all orders and including these 32 orders, we had only 74 orders. When we informed them about this, they sent us another 14 orders. So, finally we have 88 orders, which have been analyzed.

3. PERFORMANCE OF INFORMATION COMMISSION ON VARIOUS PARAMETERS

a) DISPOSALS: An average disposal of 7 cases per month

- In Tripura, all the orders have been passed together by both the commissioners as one bench. No orders were passed as single bench. The pendency as of January 1, 2008 was 13 cases, which remained the same as on December 31, 2008. Therefore, the pendency of each of the commissioners comes to about 6.79 cases.
- During the calendar year 2008, Tripura's Information Commission or Commissioner disposed off 88 cases.

b) PRO-DISCLOSURE FACTOR: 81%

Total Number of Orders Analysed	88
Orders in Favour of Disclosure	71 (81%)
Orders in which information was partially or fully denied	9 (10%)

Remanded Back	8
Rank of Commission	14
Rank of Commissioner	54

c) EFFECTIVENESS: 60-70%

This parameter refers to how many of the pro-disclosure orders were complied with as a percentage. Total number of orders favouring disclosure was 71 in Tripura.

- Of this, 60-70% orders were complied with.
- The compliance is a way above the national average of 30 to 40%, is much less than the best 90 to 100%.

d) DETERRENCE IMPACT: 0

Commission Rank:22
Commissioner Rank: 57

- Tripura was a peculiar case as despite only 60-70% compliance, no penalties were imposed in any of the cases. Leaving penalties imposed aside, the commission even did not ask for the reason for the delay in any of the cases.

e) OVERALL PUBLIC SATISFACTION (OPS): 50-60%

So, if 100 people approach Punjab Information Commission, pro-disclosure orders were given in 81% cases. Out of these, 60-70% finally got information.

4. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- An alarming trend in Tripura is that no penalties were imposed by the combined bench in any of the cases. The reason for the delay was also not asked in any of the cases.

5. STATUS OF COMMISSION AND COMMISSIONER BY PARAMETERS

Name	Pro-disclosure Factor (Rank)	Effectiveness (Band)	Deterrent Impact (Rank)	Overall Public Satisfaction (Band)
Combined Bench Of Tripura	80.7% (54 th)	60-70%	0 (57 th)	50-60%
Tripura Commission	80.7% (14 th)	60-70%	0 (22 nd)	50-60%